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JAPANESE GARDEN IS UNIQUE IN AMERICA

By K. M. Steiner

If you had read the Japan Times, the Asahi Shimbun or the Yomiuri Shimbun (with a joint daily circulation of some 13 million copies), you could have read about one of the most original Centennial projects in Canada; The Lethbridge and District Japanese Garden.

The idea was first conceived in July of 1963, approved by the Centennial Committee of Lethbridge in December of that year and by Lethbridge City Council in January of 1964.

Prof. Dr. Tadashi Kubo, leading Japanese landscape architect was retained to make a feasibility study in the Spring of 1964. His comments were enthusiastic. Dr. Kubo, the head of the landscape faculty of the Osaka Prefectural University in Japan, pointed out that Southern Alberta's climatic conditions were very similar to those prevailing on the Northernmost Island of Japan, Hokaido. Thus, choice of vegetation created no problem.

His preliminary plans were approved by the City of Lethbridge and work has been under way since the fall of last year.

The garden, as yet unnamed, would have to be completely authentic and three Japanese-Canadian members of the committee have veto powers to ensure that authenticity not be tampered with.

Since work has been commenced, some 13,000 yards of fill have been spread out; 600 of the one thousand tons of rock required, are on the site; one of Dr. Kubo's graduates is on the site since October of last year. A Japanese landscape gardener started the initial plantings in April of this year.

Located on the shores of Henderson Lake, the Lethbridge and District Japanese Garden, in addition to extensive vegetation,



CANADA'S LARGEST JAPANESE GARDEN IN LETHBRIDGE—An authentic Japanese Garden is being built in the very heart of the city of Lethbridge. It is being designed by Prof. Dr. T. Kubo, of Osaka Prefecture University, one of the world's greatest authorities on Japanese Gardens. Following completion in 1966, it is expected that no less than 250,000 visitors will view it each year.

—K. M. Steiner Photo

will have a water-fall, with the water running into Henderson Lake; a large pavilion which is being shipped from Japan late in June; two rock bridges, one wooden bridge and one bridge made of mud; an azumaya (shelter); and an eight-foot bell, now being cast in Japan, with a suitable inscription.

Though Japanese throughout, the Garden is actually a project undertaken by the

entire population of Lehtbridge and district. The estimated cost will be in the neighborhood of \$240,000 of which some \$80,000 will be raised by the population-at-large; the remainder coming from the federal-provincial Centennial grants and the City of Lethbridge.

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FOCUS ON CITIZENSHIP IS AIM OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE PROJECT

The School Committee of the County of Mountain View No. 17 has undertaken a Centennial project which will benefit its students and make them more aware of, and prouder of, their Canadian citizenship. The Committee is undertaking to pay for Canadian Citizenship Certificates for all of its Grade 12 students during the next three years.

Little or no advertising of these certificates has been done since the Canadian Citizenship Act of 1947, with the result that only 1% of Canadians have applied for them. Contrary to general public opinion, these certificates are for persons born in Canada as well as those who have adopted Canada as their country, and have many practical uses, especially in foreign travel.

Focussing attention on Canadian Citizenship in this manner is a worthwhile project to be undertaken during the period when

Canadians are preparing to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Confederation. It makes the Centennial a personal celebration as well as a national one.

For other communities who might want to undertake such a project, here is the procedure being followed in Mountain View:

Two clerks from the Court of Canadian Citizenship travelled with an official of the School Committee of the County, visiting each of the schools in the County. These clerks notarized the application forms, checked out birth credentials, then forwarded the forms to Ottawa for processing, and issuance of the Citizenship Certificates.

If desired by the school, the Citizenship Court will take part in official presentation ceremonies at each school. The large certificates, for framing, cost \$1.00, and plasticized miniatures are \$2.00 each. Further information may be obtained by contacting The President, Court of Canadian Citizenship, Edmonton.

HISTORY OF COUTTS RECEIVES APPROVAL

The Village of Coutts, Alberta, has completed the writing and printing of an historical work, "The Border Country of Coutts", as a centennial project. The Honourable Ambrose Holowach, Provincial Secretary for Alberta and Chairman of the Provincial Centennial Committee, and the Honourable Maurice Lamontagne, Secretary of State for Canada and Minister responsible for Centennial Affairs, announced today that the book, which cost \$5,774 to produce, has been approved under the Centennial Grants Program under which the Federal Government undertakes to pay \$1.00 per capita for Centennial Works of enduring merit, providing similar grants are paid by the Provincial Government and the municipality concerned.

This is the first time a joint project involving the production of a book has come under the \$1.00 per capita program. The Federal and Provincial Governments will each pay \$469.00 towards the cost of the Coutts project, with the village itself assuming the balance of \$4,836.00.

Communities planning a Centennial project are reminded that the deadline for submission of applications for Centennial grants is December 31, 1965. Enquiries regarding provincial Centennial grants should be addressed to R. D. McLean, Director of Centennial Programs, Legislative Building, Edmonton. Provincial Centennial Officers will assist communities in the preparation and forwarding of applications, and provide liaison between Centennial organizations throughout the province and the Provincial Government.

SASK. PROJECTS GAIN APPROVAL

Sixty-five Saskatchewan projects have been approved by the Centennial Commission in Ottawa under the Federal-Provincial Centennial Grants Program. These projects involves 89 Saskatchewan municipalities.

Total grants from the two governments in these projects is \$261,495. The total capital expenditure on the 65 projects is \$1,360,486. Expenditures range from \$600 to \$140,000.

The approved projects include skating and curling rinks, libraries, municipal administration offices, park and recreation acres, civic centres and community halls, golf courses, swimming pools, artificial ice plants, senior citizens' housing, additions to existing structures and others.

Fred McGuinness, Western Canada director with the Centennial Commission, on a recent visit to Regina, reported that Saskatchewan is one of the leading Canadian provinces in gaining federal approval under the joint grants program. Mr. McGuinness was the Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Golden Jubilee Committee in 1955.

As its Centennial project, the village of Iroquois, Ontario, plans to restore a 150 year old house for preservation as a museum of early Canadian architecture and mode of life.

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The town of Paris, Ontario, will celebrate Canada's 100th birthday with a new bandshell in Lions Park.

1967 CENTENNIAL WILL WELD CANADA TOGETHER, BLITZ SESSIONS TOLD

The Canadian Centenary Council, a voluntary organization whose purpose is to ascertain that the Centennial will be as meaningful to the private sector as to the government section, held the first of a series of "blitz sessions" in Edmonton recently.

Approximately 200 persons, all interested in or involved in Centennial plans throughout the Edmonton area, attended the luncheon, plenary sessions and workshops, and heard guest speaker Sidney Buckwold, former mayor of Saskatoon, state that "the great achievement of the 1967 Centennial will be to weld Canada together".

"We Canadians suffer from a national inferiority complex", Mr. Buckwold said, "the result of the overshadowing of Canadian achievement by a huge neighbour."

"The Centennial will present an opportunity to learn and think about Canadian history and accomplishments."

"Alberta's history is one of the most interesting anywhere", he added. "If the province were in the United States, a hundred legends and movies would have been made about it".

Members of the Provincial Centennial Committee attended the "blitz session", along with representatives of civic, service, voluntary and youth groups.

Purpose of the 1967 Centennial Year is to celebrate 100 years of nationhood, the opening of a new century and to cement the nation into a whole, the conference decided.

Individual participation is the key. Each person should do something, "even if it's just to build a new back porch".

A similar "blitz session" was also held in Calgary, with Mr. Buckwold addressing this gathering also.

RESEARCH PROGRAM TO AID RETARDED IS C.A.R.C. PROJECT

A nation-wide \$7 million research and service program, to deal with the problems of Canadian children who are born mentally handicapped, will be the Centennial project of the Canadian Association for Retarded Children.

This is better than any monumental project of stone and steel. It is concerned with life, and a better living for that three percent of the Canadian population who are mentally retarded.

If out of this program there develops a universal system of care and training for them, it will be an outstanding landmark of a century of Canadian progress.

—The Medicine Hat News.

JAPANESE GARDEN

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The Garden will be open on a year-round basis and the pavilion, with a special room in which the traditional Japanese tea ceremony can be held several times a year, has a hall that will be made available to cultural groups as a meeting place.

No commercialism will be tolerated though a nominal admission fee will be charged, essentially because the committee feels that the public does not appreciate anything it gets for nothing.

The Lethbridge and District Japanese Garden will have several "firsts" in addition to being the only absolutely authentic Japanese Garden on the American Continent; it will be one of the largest Japanese Gardens in the world outside of Japan (3.7 acres), and it will be the only so-called "wet garden" anywhere in the world, built away from the ocean.

Already, tourist officials in Lethbridge are deluged with requests for information from all parts of the continent; school groups are visiting Lethbridge from Montana to visit the site; and the entire project has given considerable impetus to interest in things Japanese on a cultural level.

Work is well ahead of schedule and, while the Garden will probably be open to the public starting with the fall of 1966, the official opening will be deferred to some time in the summer of 1967 and the committee is hoping for a massive turn-out of Federal, Provincial and Japanese officials.

In April, the City of Lethbridge handed the entire project over to a Japanese Garden Society now being incorporated, though the City is cooperating extremely closely with the new Society, to the point even, of having at least one of its employees on loan to the Society.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE PROPOSED AS PROJECT FOR U of A STUDENTS

The Canadian Centenary Council's "blitz session" heard Mr. D. Anthony, of British Guiana, president of "Club Internationale" at the University of Alberta, outline plans for an International Centre to be constructed in the University district of Edmonton. Such a Centre would be designed to serve as a "forum", to boost Canada's prestige among the nations of the world, as a country where discrimination is at a minimum. The Centre would provide resident accommodation for approximately 50 foreign and Canadian students, and would serve as a gathering place, not only for University students, but also as a place where residents of Edmonton could meet the students, see displays of the arts, crafts, etc., of various countries. The University of Alberta is wholeheartedly supporting the project, and has promised full co-operation.

CENTENNIAL OFFICERS' REPORT SHOWS INTEREST AND ACTIVITY AMONG ALBERTA MUNICIPALITIES

"The following is an indication of the interest shown in the Centennial program by the eligible cities, towns, and villages in Alberta:

- (a) Cities 9—heard from 9.
- (b) Towns 91—heard from 75.
- (c) Villages 158—heard from 97.
- (d) Hamlets ?—heard from 23.
- (e) Counties 23—heard from 23.
- (f) M. D.'s 25—heard from 14.

"To date, we have heard from 181 out of 258 eligible cities, towns, and villages. We have also had correspondence with and discussed plans of 23 hamlets which are anticipating financial assistance from the County, M. D., or I. D., in which they are located. We have had correspondence with most of the I. D.'s through the Department of Municipal Affairs.

"The Cities of Calgary and Edmonton are anticipating somewhere in the vicinity of 100 projects each. Lethbridge and Medicine Hat each have six projects under way.

"The projects are varying with the size and the financial capabilities of the municipalities. They range from tree planting projects and small parks, in the smaller vil-

lages, to the planetarium in Calgary, and the library in Edmonton.

"An excellent example of the co-operation between the various governing bodies in our province is shown by a recent meeting held in Three Hills.

"The Municipal District of Kneehill invited the Southern Centennial Officer, Mr. Ted Abell, to attend a meeting at which representatives of all the towns and villages within Kneehill would be present, for the purpose of discussing the Centennial program and to clarify the proper methods of making application. This meeting was held in the Municipal District Office, and representatives from the Town of Three Hills, and the Villages of Trochu, Acme and Carbon, and also the two new Villages of Torrington and Linden, were present. The application forms together with the waiver forms and by-laws were thoroughly discussed, and much assistance was obtained from Mr. G. G. King, the Secretary-Treasurer of Kneehill. At the conclusion of the meeting, it was ascertained that the villages and towns as well as the Municipal District were thoroughly conversant with the method of making application for the Federal-Provincial Centennial Grant."

PLANS FOR TATTOO DISCLOSED BY DND

The Department of National Defence has disclosed plans for a Centennial project of national interest to be presented across Canada in 1967. This is the "Armed Forces Military Tattoo".

The Tattoo will be a colorful pageant of music and action, depicting the history of the Armed Forces in Canada. It will begin with the formation of the first Canadian regiments in the 1660's, continuing on through the War of 1812, the Boer War, showing the organization of the first Canadian naval force in 1910, the First World War of 1914-18, the establishment of the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1924, World War II - the United Nations - Korea - Cyprus - right through to the integration of the forces during this past year.

There will be two trains, each consisting of 24 coaches, bearing 300 to 350 troops, who will present 150 performances in 40 different communities throughout all of Canada. All performances will be held in indoor arenas. The entire project will reach a grand climax in Victoria when both units converge, and upwards of 1,000 men will present a giant Tattoo. This will then move on to Vancouver and Ottawa, and then augmented by a further 400 troops, will be presented at Expo '67 and the Canadian National Exhibition in Toronto. This will be the largest Military Tattoo ever performed anywhere in the world.

NATIVE GIRLS' CENTRE FINANCED BY WEEKLY DIMES GIVEN BY C.W.L.

The 6,000 members of the Catholic Women's League of the Edmonton Diocese, which extends from Westlock on the North to Red Deer in the South, and includes the city of Edmonton, have pledged themselves to a contribution of 10 cents a week each, to raise the \$50,000 needed to carry out their Centennial project.

The project is a Native Girls' Village, to be constructed in rural Edmonton, to provide a home and training for Indian and Eskimo girls who are alone in the city and in danger of suffering serious consequences for wrong-doing. Girls who have spent time in jail will also be offered a home here, and social welfare counsellors will be on hand to assist them in taking their place in society again. The Village will house 10 to 12 girls, and education and training will be provided, as well as foster parents where advantageous.

Tentatively, the Tattoo is scheduled to be seen in Alberta communities on the following dates in 1967: Medicine Hat, May 8; Lethbridge, May 9; Calgary, May 10, 11, 12; Edmonton, May 11, 12, 13. Alberta arrangements are in charge of the General Officer Commanding, Central Command, Edmonton, and Mr. E. S. Bryant, Chairman of the Ceremonial Sub-Committee of the Provincial Centennial Committee.

1965 YOUTH TRAVEL PROGRAM WILL INVOLVE 264 STUDENTS VISITING IN EASTERN CANADA

A total of 264 Alberta high school students, ranging in age from 15 to 17 years, will be taking part in the second phase of the Centennial Youth Travel Program this summer, and will visit 11 centres in eastern Canada for one week. An equal number of youngsters from points in eastern Canada will be guests in Alberta. The students will be visiting families wherein there is a child of a similar age, although group programs will be arranged.

The Program was introduced last year as a means of observing the Centennial of Confederation by providing an opportunity for young Canadians to participate in a program of travel which will take them beyond the borders of their respective provinces, to introduce them to the geography of their country, to its political and educational institutions, the various aspects of its cultural life, and to its artistic and industrial achievements. It should provide them with a more intimate understanding of and deeper insights into the various human and

material forces under which the nation is developing.

The Alberta groups, made up of 24 students and 2 escorts each, will go from Wainwright to Antigonish, N.S., from Medicine Hat to Moncton, N.B., from Strathmore to the Montreal area, and from Ponoka to the Montreal area, from Edmonton to Kirkland Lake, Ontario, from Vulcan to Churchill, Manitoba, from Taber to London, Ontario, from Westlock to Flin Flon, Manitoba, from Rocky Mountain House to Brantford, Ontario, from St. Paul to Hull, Que., and from Calgary to Levis, Quebec.

Students from Sydney, N.S., will visit Taber, from St. John, N.B., will come to Strathmore, from Montreal to Wainwright, from Quebec City to Ponoka, from Sherbrooke, Quebec, to Edmonton, from Shawinigan, Quebec to Westlock, from Kirkland Lake, Ontario to St. Paul, from Port Arthur, Ontario, to Rocky Mountain House, from Hamilton, Ontario, to Vulcan, from Moncton, N.B., to Medicine Hat, and from Winnipeg, Manitoba, to Calgary.

Letters to the Editor

R. R. 1,
Thorsby, Alberta.
May 6, 1965.

The Editor,

Alberta Centennial Bulletin,
245 Highways Building,
Edmonton, Alberta.

Dear Sir:

A short time ago I received a copy of the Centennial Bulletin in the mail.

After giving the matter some consideration I would like to suggest a plan for our rural areas. That of the planting of certain trees, shrubs or flowers to mark the all important occasion.

I would suggest that a red and white colour scheme be used, whether flowering plants, shrubs or others, suitable for the site, or house-plants of that colour combination could be started NOW in order to have them ready for our Centennial year of 1967.

Colours to match those of our new flag is my idea here. Red and white geraniums or petunias make a good window-box display during the summer months and they could be used for house-plants later.

Each and every one of us could have a cheery Centennial Window, by doing a little planning in advance.

Yours truly,
M. Haller
(Mrs. Paul Haller)

Coutts, Alberta,
April 21, 1965.

Dear Editor:

There may be some smaller centres that will feel they do not have enough money to put into a Centennial project. It seems to me that a Recreation Park and Camp Site which is being erected by the Big Stone Indian Band of Wabasca would be quite an economical project.

As the deadline for applications draws near, perhaps this suggestion could be sent out to some of the places that have not made application for grants.

It is a project that could be enjoyed by all in any community. Agree???

Yours truly,
Secretary-Treasurer
Village of Coutts, Alberta

CENTENNIAL BRIEFS

Luncheon guests attending the Canadian Centenary Council's "blitz session" in Edmonton on May 3 were given a rare treat in musical entertainment.

The City of Edmonton's Senior High School Choir, formed as a Centennial project by the Edmonton School Board, presented four varied, beautifully executed numbers. The eighty students, robed in blue with red trim, performed with skill born of good training, and unlimited enthusiasm.

It is the hope of the School Board that such Alberta people as Violet Archer may be commissioned to write works whose original presentation would be by this group.

The Canadian Federation of Home and School Associations has named as its main Centennial project a \$5,000 campaign to promote good reading habits in children. The program will be concerned especially with needs of Indian children. An appeal for \$100,000 for 1967 projects will be made to the Federation's 300,000 members.

Organizations which operate on a voluntary basis, and who do not have funds to spend on a Centennial project, are also "getting into the act", according to reports heard at the Canadian Centenary Council's "blitz session" in Edmonton recently.

The Central Volunteer Bureau of Edmonton has offered their services to any other organization, to assist in preparing their Centennial programs through such activities as typing applications, reports, etc., or providing transportation if required.

The local Young Women's Christian Association is also offering its services to anyone requiring assistance in any way possible, as their contribution to Centennial.

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